

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 21, 2005**

**150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 540-A**

**Phoenix, AZ 85007**

### **Members Present:**

Ben Bobrow (Chairman)	Charlie Smith
Coy Amerson	Rich Thacher
Frank Walter	Taylor Payson
Janine Anderson	Thelma Brandon-Davis
John Gallagher	Paul Coe
Kay Lewis	Michael Hegarty
Kevin Conn	
Kurt Krumpferman	
Mark Stroh	
Mark Venuti	
Roy Ryals	

### **Members Absent:**

Michael Ward  
Decker Williams  
Gary Bradbury  
Joseph Gulotta  
Daniel Spaite  
Bob Ramsey  
Willie Minor  
Robert Costello  
Neal Thomas  
Dina Rojas-Sanchez  
Marcia Barry  
Scott Petersen

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **II. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON and APRIL 22, 2005 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Kay Lewis and seconded by Frank Walter to approve the agenda for October 21, 2005 and the minutes for April 22, 2005 with no corrections.

#### **Motion carried**

### **III. Discussion on Attorney General's Opinion- No. I05-004 (R05-010) Re: Open Meeting Law Requirements and E-mail To and From Members of a Public Body**

- Allison Kern, Assistant Attorney General, provided a presentation to the EMS Council and MDC on the Open Meeting Law AG Opinion.
- It was reported that at this time the question as to whether the Open Meeting Law applies to the Regional Council cannot be answered because of its complex structure. However, the committee chair for the Open Meeting Law Committee has been made aware of the question and will be conducting research and providing an answer to this question.
- The Attorney General Opinion states that members cannot use e-mail to conduct committee business. Discussion, deliberating, and discussing legal action are not allowed through e-mail.
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### **III. REPORTS:**

#### **A. Report from the Office of the Director:**

1. Discussion and Status of Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Public Health Preparedness Services, Division of Public Health Services, and Department of Health Services
  - Susan Gerard, Director, introduced herself to the EMS Council. She reported that she and the Governor's Office are working together to appoint or reappoint members on EMS Council.

#### **B. Report from Bureau Chief**

1. Regional Council Leadership Meeting
  - Gene Wikle, Bureau Chief, gave a presentation on recent Bureau activities such as Operation Good Neighbor (Hurricane Katrina Relief).
  - It was reported that since January 2005 to the present date, the Bureau has created new positions to better serve the public, a monthly newsletter, E-Learning, Trauma Center Designation, EMS Enforcement Disciplinary Guidelines, and Bureau Operating Instructions.
  - It was reported that new changes for NREMT testing will take effect in March 2007 with Computer Based Testing (CBT). The Air Ambulance Rules are anticipated to take effect in April 2006.
2. Trauma Center Designation
  - It was reported that since August 2004, the Bureau has been working on the rulemaking for Trauma Center Designation. The Governor's Regulatory Review Council approved the rulemaking with an effective date of October 6, 2005. A copy of the rules, applications, and instructions are available on the Bureau's website under Trauma Services.

#### **C. Chairman's Report**

1. EMS Council Membership Update
  - It was reported that applications have been submitted for the EMS Council.
  - The following positions are vacant- three Lay Member positions, Voluntary EMS, Second largest EMS Agency, Hospital Administration with Population less than 500,000.
  - All applications will be forwarded to the Governor's Office for appointment to the EMS Council.

**IV. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING PROCESS AND SCHEDULE**

- The EMS Council was asked to make a recommendation as to whether the Education Committee should meet on a regularly scheduled basis or only meet when instructed by EMS Council with specific agenda items.
- A motion was made by Mark Venuti and seconded by Kay Lewis to have the Education Committee meet on a regular basis.

**Motion carried**

**V. DISCUSSION and ACTION ON 2006 MEETING DATES**

- A motion was made by Charlie Smith and seconded by Kevin Conn to approve the meeting dates for 2006.

**Motion carried**

**VI. PROTOCOLS, MEDICATIONS AND DEVICES (PMD) COMMITTEE:**

**A. PMD Committee Report and Recommendations:**

1. Discussion and Action on Revised Pediatric Treatment and Triage Protocols
  - Dr. Gallagher reported that MDC questioned the amount of milliamps in the Pediatric Bradycardia.
  - A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Roy Ryals to approve the protocol with the suggested recommendations from MDC.
  - Dr. Gallagher was asked to clarify the use of 200 milliamps without sedation.

**Motion carried**

2. Discussion and Action on Adopting Drug Profile as Guidance Documents for Vasopressin

- Dr. Gallagher reported that MDC approved the drug profile without changes.
- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Kay Lewis to adopt the drug profile for Vasopressin.

**Motion carried**

3. Discussion and Action on Proposed Rulemaking and Guidance Document for EMT-B Use of an Esophageal Tracheal Double Lumen Airway Device (Combitube)

- Sarah Harpring reported the recommendations from MDC. On page one of GD-081-PHS-EMS under contraindication MDC recommended to change “height under 4 feet” on page 1 of the guidance document under contraindications to read “height less than 4 feet.” On page two under advantages, change “works in a tracheal or esophageal position” to read “effective in tracheal or esophageal position”. Delete “no preparation possible” because

the preparation of the tube falls under insertion procedure, and delete “application of high ventilatory pressures possible”. Under potential complications, add “barotraumas possible”.

- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Kay Lewis to approve the guidance document with the suggested recommendations from MDC.

**Motion carried**

4. Discussion and Action on New Intraosseous Infusion Device

- John Gallagher gave a presentation on the New Intraosseous Device.
- He reported that the device is a battery-operated drill that has been approved for adults and pediatrics. This device can inject an IO needle into an adult in less than 10 seconds.
- The improvement in this device is that the needle can be inserted manually without the drill.
- Currently external IOs and pediatric IOs are being used, however the new device can be used on both pediatrics and adults.
- Concern arose that if a device is FDA approved and is within the EMT scope of practice, is it inefficient to have to go through the MDC and EMS Council approval process.
- In response to the public’s comment, legal counsel will look into the issue of approving devices within the scope of practice and already approved by the FDA.
- A motion to accept the device for use by ALS personnel was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Kay Lewis.

**Motion carried**

5. Discussion and Action on Zoll Medical Autopulse Resuscitation System

- Dr. Gallagher reported that the Zoll Medical Autopulse Resuscitation System is a device that simulates chest compressions. In the past this device was asked to be placed on the agendas for MDC and EMS Council to approve use of the device.
- A concern arose as to whether such devices, FDA approved, need to be approved by MDC or EMS Council.
- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and second by Paul Coe to approve the device.

**Motion Carried**

6. Discussion and Action on Approval of the Protocol for Cardiocerebral Resuscitation

- Dr. Gallagher reported that PMD reviewed and approved the CCR Protocol.

- Dr. Gallagher reported that the CCR Protocol was approved as an accepted alternative for adult resuscitation, leaving the decision to use this protocol to each medical director.
- A motion was made by Dr. Gallagher and seconded by Kay Lewis to approve the CCR Protocol.

**Motion carried**

**VII. ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Discussion on Attorney General's Opinion- No. I05-004 (R05-010)  
Re: Open Meeting Law Requirements and E-mail To and From Members of a Public Body
- See agenda item III

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI) Update
- Dr. Bobrow reported that the RSI work group created a best practice document for the use of RSI. The Bureau has sent notification to all EMS providers and has posted the document on the website. The Bureau will send a second notification to all EMS providers to assure that everyone has received notification of the guidance document.
  - Sarah Harpring reported that a rulemaking added the two RSI drugs to the drug box. In addition, a guidance document that includes the recommendations on how an RSI program should be done if it is done, a substantive policy statement that explains the analysis determining that RSI falls within the scope of practice for an EMT-P, and two drug profile guidance documents for the two RSI drugs have been created. These documents can be viewed on the Bureau's website.
- B. Calcium Gluconate Pilot Project Annual Update- Fire Chief, Gary Woods
- Fire Chief Gary Woods reported that one incident has occurred since April, which involved a woman. The training for this procedure still continues.
- C. Amyl Nitrite Pilot Project Annual Update- Fire Chief, Gary Woods
- Fire Chief Gary Woods reported that no incidents have occurred, but the training continues.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion and Action on Task Force Membership for Rulemaking on Control, Use, and Availability of Drugs in Prehospital EMS Setting
- Sarah Harpring reported that the Bureau is in the process of revising the drug box rule, R9-25-503. The text in the rule is outdated. In the process of revising the rule the Bureau would like

to make sure the rule is consistent with the Pharmacy Board, scope of our statutory authority, and other rules that exist. The Bureau needs expert input in order to make revisions to the rule.

- A task force for the rulemaking will be created to assist staff in revising the rule. The document includes a list of representatives that has been approved by Rose Conner, Deputy Director.
- MDC recommended to add a member from the PMD Committee and a hospital based Pharmacologist.
- Names will be accepted for those who would like to volunteer on the task force.
- EMS Council was asked to determine if the list is appropriate.
- A motion was made by Charlie Smith and second by John Gallagher to approve the task force List and include individuals recommended by MDC.

**Motion carried**

**B. Discussion and Action on IEMT to Paramedic Curriculum**

- Gene Wikle reported that the Bureau has received correspondence asking if we will be creating a program for a transition from IEMT to Paramedic. The Bureau has received information on this issue and intends to establish a statewide program. This is in the preliminary stages and will need to be addressed in the Education Committee. If anyone has any questions or concerns on this topic, they are welcome to attend the Education Committee meeting.

**X. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

- Paul Coe reported that the payment for the region from the state is three months behind.
- Kay Lewis asked to have an update on the combitube on the next EMS Council agenda.

**Item: Update on Combitube**

**When: Next EMS Council Meeting**

**Who: Dr. Bobrow**

- Michael Hegarty, from The Office of Highway Safety, reported on their “Red Badge” program. The program encourages individuals to maintain the driver’s medical history in the vehicle glove compartment. Information concerning this program can be obtained by calling 602-225-3216 or accessing the website at [azgohs.gov](http://azgohs.gov).

**XI. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

No report given.

**XII. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING –January 20, 2006**

**XIII ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Minutes approved by EMS Council on April 21, 2006